2979 jhuggis have been removed in 'F' Block, Raghubir Nagar. However, there were no shops in the complex of Durga Mandir and hence the question of their demolition dose not arise.

Slum and JJ Department (MCD) has also informed that Executive Committee of Durga Mandir has encroached Government land by constructing a temple at 'F' Block, Raghubir Nagar. They have approached Government of NCT of Delhi seeking permission to remove the said unauthorized construction/ encroachment.

Potable water to residents of Delhi

†3629. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not able to provide even potable water to the residents of Delhi and due to this people are forced to drink contaminated water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that various types of diseases are on the constant increase due to consumption of this water; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are going to take to provide potable water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Delhi Jal Board has reported that drinking water supplied by it to the residents of Delhi is potable and conforms to the BIS quality norms.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.

Poverty Alleviation Programmes

3630. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the Poverty Alleviation Programmes taken up for tackling poverty during the year 2002-2003; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the other steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has been Implementing Centrally sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme called "Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)" with effect from 1.12.1997 on all India basis. The scheme will continue to be implemented during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

News-item "Delhi A Dirty City"

3631. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Capital mess: Delhi, dirty city", which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 31st March, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems raised in the news-item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The MCD, NDMC and Delhi Cantonment Board have informed that all efforts are being made to keep the Delhi clean and to bring it at par with the world class cities. MCD has further informed that to achieve this it proposes to create awareness amongst public for not throwing garbage on the streets, involving the Residents Welfare Associations in Solid Waste Management, establishment of sanitation Task Force in each Zone of MCD for immediate redressal of grievance in respect of garbage removal and enforcement of Law.

Target of land acquisition by DDA

†3632. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA is considering to extend the target of land acquisition;

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